

REMARKS

The Official Action dated January 31, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claims 1, 2 and 5-14 have been canceled in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein, with the specification and claims 3, 4 and 5 being amended in order to better define that which Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are presently pending in the instant application.

Initially, Applicants note in paragraph 5 of the Office Action that the Examiner states that "claims 3 and 4 would be rewritten to correct the informalities recited in paragraph 2." In that claims 3 and 4 have not been rejected on prior art grounds, it would appear that the Examiner has attempted to indicate that claims 3 and 4 are allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten to correct the informalities set forth in paragraph 2. Accordingly, with the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 3 as well as dependent claim, as amended, are in proper condition for allowance.

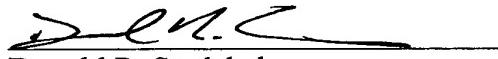
With reference not to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-5 have been objected to as including minor informalities. Particularly, the Examiner states that claim 1, lines 1 and 4 "vibration proof mount device" should be "vibration mount device". The Examiner further requests that this informality be corrected in all claims. In this regard, as can be seen from the foregoing amendments, each of presently pending claims 3 and 4 have been amended in order to recite a vibration isolating mount device. Furthermore, the title, abstract and specification have been amended accordingly as well. It is believed that this description is more indicative of Applicants' claimed invention in that the present invention isolates vibration in a particular manner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 3 and 4 as well as Applicants' specification are now in proper formal condition for allowance.

With reference now to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-228140A issued to Yamada. With the cancellation of claims 1, 2 and 5, it is respectfully submitted that further discussion with respect to the merits of the rejection of such claims is no longer believed to be warranted.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 3 and 4 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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